

THINKING SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING/EVALUATION

To Justify

Judge	Decide	Infer	Conclude	Interpret	Criticize
Agree/Approve	Disagree/Disapprove		Prove	Estimate	Dispute
Defend	Criteria	Appraise	Prioritize	Justify	Argue
	Support	Value	Evaluate		

CREATIVE THINKING/SYNTHESIS

To Change/Create

Generate	Hypothesize	Speculate	Imagine	Adapt	Build
Compile	Create	Invent	Plan	Theorize	Improve
Choose	Design	Change	Develop	Construct	
Elaborate	Formulate	Combine	Synthesize		

ANALYSIS

To Examine In Detail

Isolate	Determine	Compare	Contrast	Distinguish	
Analyze	Dissect	Relationship	Categorize	Survey	Appraise
Criticize	Examine	Experiment	Question	Test	

APPLICATION

To Use In Another Situation

Classify	Apply	Organize	Summarize	Categorize	
Construct	Utilize	Build	Choose	Operate	Employ
Interpret	Relate	Develop	Model	Solve	Interview

COMPREHENSION

To Show Understanding

Explain	Describe	Paraphrase	Clarify	Express	Translate
Extend	Outline	Illustrate	Translate	Rephrase	Infer
Summarize	Classify	Review	Locate	Rewrite	Discuss
Identify	Reorganize	Report	Demonstrate	Recognize	

KNOWLEDGE

To Recall

Remember	List	Recognize	Recount	
Restate	What	Who	Why	How
	Where	When	Which	Find
Match	Omit	Label	Name	List
Duplicate	Tell	Define	Relate	
Select	Show	Choose	Spell	

Abstract Thinking Skills



Basic Thinking Skills

